IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No. 9809

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Applicant: John E. Holland et al. Filed: February 13, 2002

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Examiner: William H. Mayo III

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2008, Applicant has filed simultaneously with this Preliminary Amendment and Response a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of Serial No. 11/680,939, filed March 1, 2007, now pending. In addition, please provide a Three-Month Extension of Time up to and including February 14, 2009 to respond to the Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Three-Month Extension of Time fee of \$555.00 and the Request for Continued Examination fee of \$405.00 to Deposit Account No. 09-0528. If any additional fees for the accompanying Amendment and Response and Request for Continued Examination are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 8 of this paper.